

CONGRESS MUST ADDRESS SECTION 702 OF THE FISA AMENDMENTS ACT

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the PATRIOT Act was designed to protect us from terrorists abroad. Now we have learned that section 215 of the PATRIOT Act has been abused by the NSA, and it is spying on Americans, taking metadata.

But there is more. There is another law. The FISA Amendments Act of 2008, section 702, allows the seizure, without a warrant, of the content of emails, text messages, and phone calls by our government. Congress must address this, as it has addressed section 215 of the PATRIOT Act. It also allows, under 702, the backdoor search; in other words, NSA can go into Google and seize information about Americans without a warrant.

NSA cannot be trusted to protect and follow America's laws that protect our privacy. This Soviet-style surveillance on Americans has got to stop. The right of privacy is sacred.

I have introduced, along with ZOE LOFGREN, a bipartisan bill to eliminate section 702 so that Americans are protected. We cannot allow the bruising of the Fourth Amendment by the snooping NSA under the false claim of national security. If you have probable cause to seize that information, get a warrant under the Constitution of the United States.

And that is just the way it is.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START

(Ms. WILSON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Head Start program, which has served more than 30 million American children.

As a former Head Start teacher, I know firsthand what access to education and a hearty breakfast can do for a child. Head Start has introduced millions of children to learning; and, as a result, many of them have gone on to earn college degrees and become teachers, lawyers, doctors, and even elected officials.

Mr. Speaker, without Head Start, many children from low-income families would not receive the nutritional and educational services that are so important to early childhood development.

I stand with my colleagues in the House and on the Committee on Education and the Workforce calling for continued funding for this vital program, which has been crucial in improving the lives of countless deserving children across the country.

RECOGNIZING PHILIP KIRKWOOD

(Mr. JOLLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a real American hero who risked his life to preserve the freedoms we all enjoy today. Yesterday, Navy Ace Commander Philip Kirkwood of Seminole, Florida, accepted the Congressional Gold Medal presented to our American Fighter Aces.

Born in New Jersey, Mr. Kirkwood enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942. Earning his Navy wings a year later, Mr. Kirkwood joined the VF-10 flying Hellcats off of the USS *Enterprise*. Mr. Kirkwood recorded his first air victory over the Caroline Islands in 1944, but it would be far from his last. Over his distinguished career, Commander Kirkwood recorded 12 confirmed victories and 1 probable.

One of fewer than 80 living fighter aces, Commander Kirkwood is decorated with the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with five Gold Stars.

I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking Commander Kirkwood for his years of service and his bravery.

May God bless Philip Kirkwood, and may God bless each of our American Fighter Aces.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BISHOP CURTIS MONTGOMERY

(Mr. KILMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Bishop Curtis Montgomery of Tacoma, Washington.

He was a key leader who shepherded Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood through civil rights struggles and troubled times. His steadfast leadership and staunch belief in the power of community involvement will be remembered in the revitalization of this historically significant neighborhood.

His contributions to the Hilltop include the establishment of Christ Temple Church, which later became Greater Christ Temple Church, and the Oasis of Hope Center, a faith-based community outreach center that was the culmination of Bishop Montgomery's longstanding vision to provide a safe and stable place for the community.

Scripture tells us that God loves a cheerful giver, and it is safe to say that God loves Curtis Montgomery and his parishioners, who have given so much to so many.

On behalf of his congregation and the people of the Hilltop neighborhood in Tacoma, Washington, I honor the lifetime achievements of Bishop Curtis Montgomery of Greater Christ Temple Church in the Congress of the United States.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

(Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, the way that we show gratitude to those who have served in our military, the men and women, is to honor them, and we will join as a country doing so on Memorial Day.

But we also can show our gratitude by making sure that they get the care that they need. It has been over a year since the long waiting lists at the VA were exposed in alarming numbers all across the country. We have learned just this week that at least \$6 billion in taxpayers' money has been lost in illegal contracts at the VA and of VA employees improperly receiving gifts, including room upgrades, meals, limousine services, golf, spa, helicopter rides, tickets for the Rockets.

This week the House passed six bills that give American veterans the support they need, and demands accountability at the VA. We must get answers, and I am committed to being a part of the solution.

Next week, I will visit the Spokane Veterans Hospital and recognize those who do work hard to serve our veterans. Every day we are working to support veterans in eastern Washington. This week my team attended the VA2K relay for homeless veterans with military and community and VA staff. We are going to continue to work with county leaders to address the needs of our veterans throughout eastern Washington.

May God bless all those who have served.

FIRST COUNTY OF VETERANS

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, May 29, I will have the privilege of attending a ceremony and play in Warren County, Pennsylvania, titled, "Beyond Glory," which will highlight the stories of eight Medal of Honor recipients in the wars of the 20th century.

The theme of the evening is First County of Veterans, recognizing the fact that Warren County, Pennsylvania, has the largest veteran population per capita of any county in Pennsylvania. I am looking forward to celebrating this special evening with local veterans who have sacrificed so much.

Mr. Speaker, Memorial Day is right around the corner, and as the proud father of an Army soldier and a daughter-in-law who is now a veteran, it is my privilege to serve our Nation's veterans and my honor to recognize those who have lost their lives in service to our country.

Memorial Day for many Americans has become the holiday that marks the